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No credit given for Bottles that are dirty,

or gross, or that appear to have been

used for any other purpose than that of containing

Aromatic Waters, and such Bottles are never used

again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, China, and Manila. [2-19]

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In another column we reproduce a letter

addressed to the Morning Post by Mr.

Arnold Reid, the editor of the Straits Times,

in which the writer endeavours to place be-

fore the English public a dispassionate view

of the military contribution. Mr. Reid is

not quite correct in all his statements. It

is not correct, for instance, to say that Hong-

kong is in a condition of exasperation over

objecting to share in the support of that

flag. As to the Colony generally, including

both European and Asiatic interests, every

one knows that the protection derives from

its connection with the Empire is not re-

presented by the purely Garrisonian protection-

ism maintained there, but that the whole weight

of our military and naval power would be

used for its defence if necessary. And Mr.

Reid concedes, if we read his letter aright,

that he does not think the amount asked by

the Imperial Government unreasonable, even

granting that the primary duty of the

garrison is to guard the coal supplies and not

to protect the colony generally. But, he

says, "let the colonies be asked openly to

"money for imperial purposes, not be-

"cause within their boundaries there is a

"certain quantity of coal, but because the

"colonies are part of the Empire and jointly

"responsible with all other parts for the gen-

"eral defence." When the federation of the

"Empire becomes an accomplished fact one of

"the conditions will no doubt be that each por-

"tion shall contribute pro rata to the cost of

"defence as far as its means allow, but under

"the constitution as it stands at present Colo-

"nias can only be asked to pay for the troops

"actually stationed in each, and it is on

"that basis that the contribution must be

"arranged.

The most valuable part of Mr. Reid's let-

"ter, valuable as raising a really important

"question, is that dealing with the constitu-

"tions of Crown Colonies, especially with re-

"ference to the financial control of the Im-

"perial Government. "If it be the case," he

"says, "that the constitutions of the Colonies,

"or some of them, prevent an open vote of

"a sum in aid of the defence of the Em-

"pire, let these constitutions be altered."

Let them be altered, he continues, "and

"approached in a spirit of reason and con-

"sideration, and they will vote of their own

"free will as much money as England

"desires, or as the colony's revenue can

"afford—will freely give quite as much as

"England now takes by means of salaries

"of officers ordered to fight against their

"convictions and their political protests." We

"have one instance to the contrary in

"Mauritius, where the financial control has

"been handed over, untriedly we fear, to the

"French creole population. But without

"dwelling too much on the case of Mauritius,

"can any reasonable man contend that Colo-

"nias like Ceylon, the Straits, and Hong-

"kong, where we have a handful of Europeans

"living amidst a host of Asiatics, are ripe for

"responsible government? The Secretary of

"State has recently declared both with re-

"ference to Honduras and the Straits Settle-

"ments that Her Majesty's Government is

"not prepared to surrender the legislative

"and financial control, and who can doubt

"that their decision is a wise one? For a

"community so happily circumstanced as the

"foreign community of Shanghai, where the

"natives can be left to the control of their

"own authorities, self-government for the

"European is the right and proper thing

"and has proved entirely successful. In the

"Crown Colonies, where the interests of the

"native population have to be considered, the

"circumstances are materially different. It

"would not be a wise thing to vest the polit-

"ical control in a handful of Europeans who

"happen to be resident there, none of whom

"look upon the place as their permanent home,

"and it would be disastrous to allow native

"influence to swamp the government.

The friction which has arisen over the

"military contribution question will no doubt

"attract more attention to the government of

"the Crown Colonies than the subject has

"received for many years, and it is extremely

"to be hoped that some genuine improvement

"will result. That there is room for improve-

"ment there can be no dispute. It seems to

"us there ought to be no compromise on both

"sides. On the one hand, the Colonies ought

"frankly to recognise their imperial obligations

"and as integral portions of the Empire con-

"tribute their fair share towards its defence

"so far as their revenue allows. On the other

His Excellency the Governor-General

the Governor-General and the Governor

the present to reside in Head-Quarters House,

where the visitors' books will be found.

A fire occurred at Matsui on Sunday evening

two houses in Tan Wing Street being burned.

The houses were Nos. 88 and 89 and were jointly

occupied as a bamboo ware shop trading under

the name of Kiu Long.

The Band of the 1st and 2nd Highlanders

will play the following programme at 8 o'clock

this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

The Eastern Crown Colonies are not the only

ones in which the Imperial Government has

contributed to defence works and increased

Colonies possessing men and money

are to be asked to contribute to the cost of

the defence. The Imperial Government has

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H.M.S. Hargis left here yesterday for Amoy,

and the Porpoise for a cruise.

The Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill & Co.)

inform us that the steamer Mowley left Singa-

pore for this port yesterday afternoon.

A Chinaman was escaped from the chain gang

in June, 1898, was yesterday charged at the

Police Court and committed to the Criminal

Sessions.

Mr. Wise opened an inquiry yesterday after-

noon into the case of the firm which carried on

No. 280, Queen's Road Central on the 4th inst.

Several of the people connected with the shop

were called, but their evidence failed to

throw any light on the origin of the fire.

Inspector Hennessy said he had no further

evidence to produce at present, but the case was

left for further investigation. His

Worship released the prisoners and adjourned the

inquiry for next week.

The Times of India writes—There has been

a great deal of talk lately in the region of the

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